

Searle and Swain lift

Wycombe Wanderers 3,
Southall 0

KENNY SWAIN, Wycombe Wanderers' new discovery, increased his reputation in Tuesday night's friendly against Southall at Loakes Park, with a dazzling display of footballing skill that brought frequent applause from the 400 strong crowd.

It took Swain only a few minutes to stamp his mark on the game. Several fine dribbles took him swerving through Southall's rugged defence while his general distribution was faultless.

The difference between Tuesday night's forward line to that of Saturday's at Bishop's Stortford was clearly underlined. The finishing reverted back to its poor standard for the first 45 minutes but the arrival of Keith

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Searle made a world of difference.

It was Swain who provided about the only high light to a dull first half when he side-stepped his way past two defenders and cracked a left foot drive towards the top corner, only for 'keeper Knight to tip the ball away with a flying save.

However, as the finishing deteriorated, Wanderers seldom looked like breaking through again with both Tony Amos and Brian Langfield struggling to get into their stride. The home defence, however, looked sound with Ian Rundle wasting no time in clearing any danger. Dave Bullock, too, was in a dominant mood.

The second half badly needed some spark and the substitution of Searle for Amos soon provided just that. In the 50th minute Knight came out to take Paul Birdseye's cross but let the ball slip from his grasp. Mick Holifield, who did well in the unfamiliar position of midfield, gained possession and slipped the ball across to Searle who blasted home a fine drive to put the Blues ahead.

Ten minutes later, Knight managed to hook the ball off the line with his feet for a corner after a goalmouth scramble but from Swain's flag-kick the ball was cleared as far as Bullock, on the edge of the area. Dave took careful aim and thudded the ball home with Knight left helpless.

Ten minutes later Brian Langfield made amends for a disappointing performance when, after another Swain corner, he volleyed a half clearance from King into the net off a defender to make it 3-0.

It was Swain who had the last word, however, when in the closing seconds he latched onto a brilliant through ball from Holifield. Outpacing two defenders, he jinked past Williams, drew and beat the goalkeeper but in trying to get past the last defender on the goalline, pushed the ball too far and the chance was gone. **S.E.**

WYCOMBE: P. Spittle, D. Gamblin (sub P. Birdseye 45 mins), I. Rundle, D. Bullock, A. Gane, R. Williams, M. Holifield, J. Hutchinson, B. Langfield, A. Amos (sub K. Searle 45 mins), K. Swain.

SOUTHALL: C. Knight, G. Good, R. Skelton, R. King, G. Williams, D. Clough, A. Davis, W. Salked, G. Secker, N. Priestley, D. Bengerfield (sub P. Devis 52 mins).

Referee: W. Cleere (High Wycombe).